UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

----X IN RE MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC. Master File No.: SECURITIES, DERIVATIVE AND ERISA : 07cv9633(LBS)(AJP)(DFE) LITIGATION This Document Relates to: Securities Action, 07cv9633(LBS)(AJP)(DFE): **RULE 7.1 STATEMENT** ----x

Defendant Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated states that it is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

Defendant Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. states that it is a publicly held company whose shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange and there is no publicly held corporation that owns 10% or more of its stock.

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